

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Wednesday, March 27, 1918.

A special meeting of the Executive Committee was held on the above date. Dr. Lusk was in the chair. Others present were:- Mrs. R. W. Stewart, Miss Robinson, ~~Mrs. Eugene Gregory~~, Mr. Ashby and Miss Pendleton.

Mr. Ashby reported that Mr. Col. Bryant of the Department of Labor has asked him through Mr. Spitz to ask the Society to release him for two or three weeks to visit colleges and schools in the south and see if students can be persuaded to take work on the farms in South Jersey this summer. An interview has been had with Professor Opp of Rutgers College, Professor of Agriculture, who states that the farmers are just now facing a great crisis on account of the lack of dependable labor. Prof. Opp is working out a chart of the prices that the farmers would be willing to pay and location of the farms. They propose to use Camden, New Jersey, as the distributing point for such workers as can be secured.

After some discussion in which Mr. Stewart especially emphasized that we should be assured that these men would receive proper pay and housing, the following resolution was passed:-

"That Mr. Ashby be released to the Department of Labor for a limited period of two weeks or more with the understanding that his salary and expenses be paid and that in taking up this work, sufficient guarantee shall be given that the Department of Labor will see that any men brought here to work on farms will be provided with transportation and return fare at the end of the season, and that in order to insure best results a Supervisor be engaged to follow up the work, Mr. Vandervall, of East Orange, being suggested as this supervisor."

It was suggested that the Secretary put on record that Mr. Ashby has spoken to Rev. J. E. A. Johns, Rev. H. K. Spearman, Rev. R. D. Brown, who approved of the action recorded above. It was then moved, seconded and duly passed that the Chairman, appoint a Membership and Nominating Committee before the Annual Meeting of the Society. Dr. Lusk appointed the following persons on this Committee:- Miss Pendleton, R. W. Stewart, Mr. Vandervall, Mrs. Eugene Gregory and Miss Robinson.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Helena B. Pendleton
Secretary, pro. tem.